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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Chairman, NFIB Working Group
on Compartmentation

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Director, Office of Security

SUBJECT: APEX Control Organization

1. Thank you for the opportunity to nominate representation on the Steering Group and the permanent staff of the APEX Control Staff.

2. I believe that the APEX Special Access Program will bring about significant and hopefully beneficial changes in the way we do business in our compartmentation programs. As Chairman of the DCI's Security Committee I will serve as the Committee's representative to the APEX Steering Group, with [REDACTED] Committee Executive Secretary, as alternate. These nominations are contingent, of course, on the concurrence of the full Committee.

3. As Director of the Office of Security, CIA, I can not nominate [REDACTED] as a member of the permanent staff in view of other plans for his career development.

4. I would like to observe that while the Community Security Group is most knowledgeable and capable in the field of formulation and administration of policies and procedures of Special Access programs, they are a small group with primary responsibility to serve as the Security Committee's staff arm in a large range of security concepts. I would propose that the exercise of the functions you direct to them would be better discharged and with wider Community participation through incorporation of the Security

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Committee's Compartmentation Subcommittee in all deliberations. Such an approach would also facilitate the Security Committee's involvement in other tasking you have identified for us.

5. In recognition that formulation of the APEX Control Organization with duties and responsibilities as enumerated will necessitate some change in the charter of the Security Committee, I attach that document for your consideration. I suggest that there may be advantages to modification of the charters of the SIGINT Committee and COMIREX in this area of security.

Robert W. Gambino

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